

CLIMBING ELEPHANTS.

How They Make Their Way Up and Down Steep Cliffs.

Elephants are able to make their way up and down mountains and through a country of steep cliffs, where mules would not dare to venture and even where men find passage difficult. Their tracks have been found upon the very summit of mountains over 7,000 feet high. In these journeys an elephant is often compelled to descend hills and mountain sides which are almost precipitous. This is the way in which it is done: The elephant's first maneuver is to kneel down close to the declivity. One fore leg is then cautiously passed over the edge and a short way down the slope, and if he finds there is no good spot for a firm foothold he speedily forms one by stamping into the soil if it is moist or kicking out a footing if it is dry. When he is sure of a good foothold, the other fore leg is brought down in the same way. Then he performs the same work over again with his feet, bringing both fore legs a little in advance of the first foothold. This leaves good places all ready made for the hind feet. Now, bracing himself up by his huge, strong fore legs, he draws his hind legs, first one and then the other, carefully over the edge, where they occupy the first places made by the fore feet. This is the way the huge animal proceeds all the way down, zigzag, kneeling every time with the two hind legs while he makes footholds with his fore feet. Thus the center of gravity is preserved and the huge beast prevented from toppling over on his nose.

INSURANCE.

The Beginnings of This Now Common Mode of Protection.

The practice of insurance was known to the ancients, being in vogue at the beginning of the Christian era.

The insurance of ships was undoubtedly part of the business of the Hanseatic league, which was formed about 1140 by the port towns of Germany to protect themselves against the pirates of Sweden and Denmark.

The custom of drawing out insurance policies originated in Florence in 1523, although a regular chamber of insurance was formed at Bruges early in the fourteenth century, and the practice was in general use in Italy in 1194 and in England in 1590.

Fire and life insurance is of much more recent origin. Some of the ancient guilds provided compensation for any of their members who suffered loss from fire, but the insurance of goods and houses as a distinct branch of business cannot be traced farther back than 1667, the year after the great fire of London.

The first regular company, the Hand-in-Hand, was founded in 1696, and five other companies still existing were started in the quarter of a century which followed. Life insurance was first undertaken by the Amicable in 1706.—London Standard.

Animals That Do Not Grow Thirsty.

There are many different kinds of animals in the world that never in all their lives sip so much as a drop of water. Among these are the llamas of Patagonia and the gazelles of the far east. A parrot lived for fifty-two years in the zoo at London without drinking a drop of water, and many naturalists believe the only moisture imbibed by wild rabbits is derived from green herbage laden with dew. Many reptiles—serpents, lizards and certain batrachians—live and thrive in places entirely devoid of water, and sloths are also said never to drink. An arid district in France has produced a race of nondrinking cows and sheep, and from the milk of the former Roquefort cheese is made. There is a species of mouse which has established itself on the waterless plains of western America and which flourishes notwithstanding the absence of moisture.

Needless Wear.

Many people wear themselves out needlessly. Their conscience is a tyrant. An exaggerated sense of duty leads a person to anxious, ceaseless activity, to be constantly doing something, overpunctual, never idle a second of time, to scorn rest. Such are in unconscious nerve tension. They say they have no time to rest, they have so much to do, not thinking they are rapidly unfitting themselves for probably what would have been their best and greatest work in after years.

A Short Sermon.

No time or place is sacred to the enthusiastic joker. Lucius tells in his memoirs how the prince archbishop of Cologne asked license to preach in the royal chapel at Versailles when visiting Louis XIV. himself. All the court assembled. It was April 1. The prince archbishop mounted the pulpit in stately fashion, bowed from side to side and stood a moment as if collecting his thoughts, then shouted "April fools!" picked up his skirts and ran.

Cruel.

"I made these biscuits myself, David," said Mrs. Copperfield, with honest pride. "They look very nice, Dora," replied David, picking one of them up and making an effort to split it. "And they are still hot. How long ago did you—ah!—cast them?"

A Thoughtful Answer.

"What's the first step toward the digestion of the food?" asked the teacher. Up went the hand of a black-haired little fellow, who exclaimed with eagerness: "Bite it off! Bite it off!"

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THE BLUEFISH BRIGADE.

What Happens When the Blues Make a Charge Upon Menhaden.

"When menhaden or herring are driven upon the beach by bluefish, as they often are, so that they can be carried off by the cart load," said a fisherman, "there is very seldom found among them one of their pursuers, and if one is found it is likely to be a fish that is diseased or that has been hurt in some way. The bluefish follows to the very verge of the water, but there it stops, and it is so powerful and alert a swimmer that, close as it is, it still easily keeps clear of the land. The menhaden or herring are no mean swimmers. They could come as close and keep off the shore as easily as the bluefish do, but not when the bluefish are after them. Then they are like men pursued to the edge of a precipice. It is almost certain death to jump, but they must do that or turn and take the chances of breaking through the pursuing line.

"When the bluefish—there may be 3,000 or 4,000 of them together—sight a school of menhaden, they go for it like a brigade of heavy cavalry, cutting and slashing, snapping and biting right and left. The menhaden are simply overborne by superior weight, and there is nothing for them to do but flee. If they are driven toward the shore, the land is to them what the precipice would be to the man. They must take it or they must turn and try to fight their way through. Many do turn and try to swim under or over or around the savage bluefish, and some escape in this way, and some are snapped up, and some are maimed and then cast ashore, and many of them, crowding together, are so closely pressed that they are practically forced ashore.

"Sometimes fish that are not cast up very far flop down into the water again. A high wave may set some free. A fish thus liberated may find its fins so damaged that it can't swim, and it is cast up again. Weakened by its rough experience, it may fall a prey to some of the bluefish yet lingering offshore. It may escape."—New York News.

SERIES OF SHIPWRECKS.

The Most Singular Chain of Marine Accidents on Record.

The most singular series of shipwrecks on record began with the loss of the English merchantman Mermade, which was driven on the rocks of Torres strait in October, 1829. The officers and crew clung to the shattered vessel, which was held fast upon a sunken ledge, until, a few minutes before the doomed ship went to pieces, a passing frigate picked them up.

The Swiftsure, as the latter craft was called, resumed her northward course, to be foundered in a terrific gale three days later.

Her combined crews were saved by the warship Governor Ready, en voyage to India, May 18, 1830. The last named, overtaken by a storm, was stranded on a barren coast, her three crews to a man succeeding in reaching the shore.

After staying a week on the inhospitable island they were taken off by the revenue cutter Comet, which a few days later sprang a leak and sank in spite of all efforts to save her.

Fortunately a rescue ship was again on hand, the four crews being saved by the Jupiter.

Even then, however, the chain of disasters was not broken, for the Jupiter just as she was entering the harbor of Port Rattle turned turtle and went down with scarcely a moment's warning. Her crews barely escaped with their lives, to be picked up by boat sent to their aid.

Thus the crew of the Mermade was wrecked five times in one voyage, that of the Swiftsure four times, of the Governor Ready three times and the Comet twice.

The rescues had been purely accidental in every case, none of the ships having been sailing as a consort or even to the same port.

Though the weather had been tempestuous and the escapes barely made, not a life had been lost.

Safe.

In a mediaeval German tale it says that the parish council of a small village met one evening to discuss certain improvements in the water supply. In this debate the town's one watchman entered the room quietly, placed in a corner his lantern and spear and sat down to listen to the argument. Suddenly a councilman turned to him fiercely.

"Fritz," he cried, "what are you doing here? Who is to watch that nothing is stolen in the village?"

Fritz, with an easy smile, answered: "Who is there to steal anything? We are all here?"

An Odd House.

One of the best known houses in Northamptonshire, England, was designed to represent the days, weeks and quarters of the year. It has four wings, facing the four quarters of the heavens, to represent the four quarters of the year; 365 windows, one for each day; fifty-two chimneys, one for each week; and seven entrances, to represent the seven days of the week.

Pretension.

The world is his who can see through its pretension. What deafness, what stone blind custom, what overgrown error you behold, is there only by your sufferance. See it to be a lie, and you have already dealt it its mortal blow.—Emerson.

Baseball goods at Svenson's.

THE MORNING ASTORIAN

QUICK RETURN COLUMNS

The supplying of any want that may arise in domestic or commercial life may be readily and quickly accomplished at a nominal cost by the publication of the want in the "Want Ad." columns of the Morning Astorian.

A necessity which may arise for buying or selling horses, carriages, furniture, pianos, real estate, sewing machines, bicycles, safes, watches, jewelry, typewriters, or thousands of other articles, can be met at once by the insertion of a suitable advertisement in the morning Astorian.

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30 Cents a line a week.

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For the benefit of persons out of employment, ads under the head of "Situation Wanted" will be printed three days free of charge.

HELP WANTED.

MALE HELP WANTED—Men and women to learn watchmaking, engraving, jeweler work, optics; easy terms; positions guaranteed; money made learning. Watchmaking - Engraving School, 1426 Fourth avenue, Seattle.

WANTED—YOUNG LADY FOR OFFICE work and collecting; must be good penman. Apply 11-12 a. m. or 7-8 p. m., room 20, Copeland Block.

WANTED—GOOD GIRL FOR GENERAL housework; wages \$18 per month. Apply to Lieut. Kerfoot, Ft. Columbia.

WANTED—Good girl to do housework. Apply at Bay View Hotel.

LOST AND FOUND.

FOUND—A GOLD BRACELET; OWNER can have same by calling on Mrs. H. Shippe, 724 Exchange and proving property and paying for this notice.

AGENTS WANTED.

WANTED—A BOOK AGENT TO DISPOSE of a small stock of easy-selling books; big profit. Inquire at Astorian office.

FOR RENT—HOUSES.

FOR RENT—NEWLY FURNISHED rooms; steam heated; new house. Apply at room 14, over the Bee Hive.

FOR RENT—THREE FURNISHED Housekeeping rooms. Enquire 472 Commercial street. 4-12 tf.

NICE ROOMS AND BOARD FOR GENTLEMAN and wife or single.—Enquire Astorian Office. 4-25 tf.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—THREE BEAR CUBS; very gentle; about 3 months old; 1 male, 2 females; can be bought very cheap. Albert Strom, Young's Bay bridge. 5-23-3t.

FURNITURE, STOVES, CARPETS, etc., at less than half price you have to pay elsewhere; we also buy and sell everything. Astoria Commission & Auction Co., 365 Commercial street.

FOR SALE—Steam launch, length 35 feet. Address H. 1, Astorian Office.

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS LOT of wire cable new and second hand, any length, pipe of any description and size, machinery to suit anybody write for prices on anything; metal scrap iron and all kinds of junk and machinery bought and sold. Address M. Barde & Son, Portland, Oregon. 1m.

MUSIC TEACHER.

WANTED—THREE MUSIC PUPILS. Inquire at Astorian office.

MANDOLIN LESSONS GIVEN—MRS. C. D. Stewart, 127 Seventh street.

HOTELS

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Finest Hotel in the Northwest.
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NOTICE FOR PROPOSALS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE of the Supervising Architect, Washington, D. C. May 5, 1906.—Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 3 o'clock p. m. on the 11th day of June, 1906, and then opened, for the construction of a gangway at the Columbia River Quarantine Station, Astoria, Oregon, in accordance with drawings and specification, copies of which may be had at this office or at the office of the Custodian of the Columbia River Quarantine Station, Astoria, Oregon, at the discretion of the Supervising Architect.

JAMES KNOX TAYLOR,
Supervising Architect.

CHIEF QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE, Vancouver Barracks, Wash., May 23, 1906. Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received at this office until 11 o'clock a. m. June 10, 1906, and then publicly opened, for the construction of post exchange and bowling alley at Fort Columbia, Wash. Full information will be furnished on application at this office, and at the office of the Quartermaster, Fort Columbia, Wash. The U. S. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any part thereof. Envelopes containing proposals should be indorsed: "Proposals for gymnasium and bowling alley at Fort Columbia, Wash.," and addressed to the Chief Quartermaster, Vancouver Barracks, Washington.

NOTICE.

Bids are hereby asked for the clearing of right of way on road No. 77, from the Olney School House to the sixteen-mile post where it connects with the present road. Said clearing to be twenty feet in width. And to be cleared of all trees, logs and brush. Bids to state price per rod or mile. Court reserving the right to reject any or all bids.

Work to be paid for when completed and accepted.

Bids to be filed with the clerk on or before June 5, 1906.

By order of the County Court.

J. C. CLINTON, County Clerk.
Astoria, Ore., May 3, 1906. 4-9

NOTICE TO BOND HOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given to parties holding bonds 1, 2, 3, and 4, issued by School District No. 6, of Clatsop County, Oregon, that the same have been called in, and will be paid within thirty days of this date, at the office of the county treasurer 559-565 Commercial street, Astoria, Oregon.

Dated Astoria Oregon, this 1st day of May 1906,

CHAS. A. HEILBORN,
County Treasurer, Clatsop County.
5-2-30t

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The leading amusement house.

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NOTICE OF RECEIVING BIDS BY CITY.

Notice is hereby given. That up to the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., on Thursday, the 31st day of May, 1906, the Committee on Streets and Public Ways of the Common Council of the City of Astoria, will receive sealed bids for improving Bond street from the west line of Ninth street to the east line of Sixth street as ordered improved by ordinance No. 3250, approved on the 22nd day of May, 1906. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

JENS H. HANSEN,
J. J. ROBINSON,
P. A. STANGLAND,
Committee on Streets and Public Ways.
6-26-4t.

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